

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

THE WILLIAM BISHOP HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 Pennsylvania Ave.

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Bishop

Telephone #: 823-7383

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 Pennsylvania Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #: 1450:449

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

BA-1043 - 300 Pennsylvania

before 1915

This attractive two-story frame house consists of two gabled sections crossing perpendicularly. Each gable end is two bays wide. The western gable projects only a foot or two, while the other gables each project one bay from the central block. A porch shades the street facade. The house rests on a raised stone cellar.

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

300 Pa.

This stylish two-story frame house was built between 1898 and 1915. It consists of two gabled sections forming a T, with the gable from the east leg of the T crossing the main gable to roof a shallow rectangular bay on the west. The eaves line and barge boards of the house are finished with a nicely molded cornice. Each of the four gables is lit by an arched 2/2 window and is sheathed in square and diamond-shaped wooden shingles. The south, or rear, gable is the exception in that it is covered with clapboards. The rest of the house is now covered with grey asbestos shingles.

The house rests on a raised cellar of cut stone blocks. An exterior entrance is located at the south end of the main section. Two six-pane cellar lights appear at either end of the west side. A 2/2 window lights each floor above. The bay on this side is lit by two windows on each floor. A window on each floor lights the south gable.

A shed-roofed porch fills the southeast corner of the house. A door is located in the east wall. A narrow two-story addition between the porch and the south side of the east facing section has a window on each floor of its east side. At the first floor level of the east gable, three attached windows follow the ascent of the stair within. A window on the second floor has three panes, one above the other.

The street side of the house presents a refined facade. The second floor is lit by two windows in the north gable and one in the north side of the eastward-facing section. A one-story hip-roofed porch runs across the front of the gable end and back to the side of the east gable. Its square posts intersect hand and foot rails. Two x's of thin 1'x1' wooden members cross each section between the posts. Two elegant floor-to-ceiling 2/2 sash windows light the gable end. At the east side of this gable a window lights each floor. The front door, which is topped by a two-pane transom, is located on the north side of the east gable. All the architraves are simple flat boards.

The house is set on a large corner lot with attractive shade trees.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Emma P. Maddox purportedly built this house around 1895, she later sold the house to James Kelly in 1900. Twenty years later James Kelly sold the house to Harry and Bertha Greaser (July 13,1921). Harry Greaser sold the property to William E. Bishop in 1946. William Bishop family has retained the property since that time.

This building is an example of the proliferation of Blacks in the E. Towson area that took place around the turn of the century.

Land Records of Baltimore County Liber Folio 209-212  
247-213  
540-551  
1450-447  
1450-448  
1450-449

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME/TITLE

Marcus Pollock/coordinator Merry Stinson/architect 7/77

ORGANIZATION

Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca

DATE

823-8870

STREET &amp; NUMBER

600 W. Chesapeake Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



BA-1045

The Roger Smith House

306 Pa. Ave.

Towson, Md.

north

Merry Stinson

1977